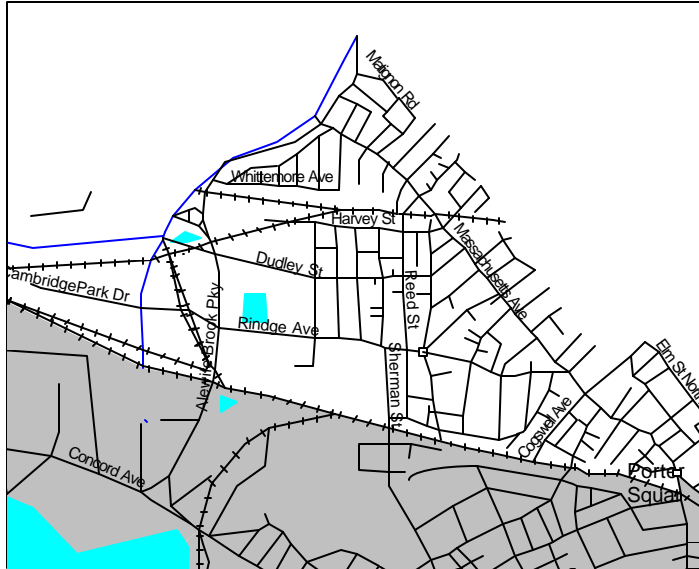
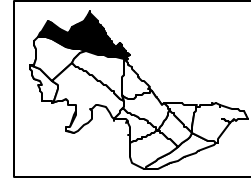


# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### 2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

The bad news is that the North Cambridge neighborhood experienced a significant increase in **housebreaks** during the first half of 2002. The good news is that this increase stems from a pattern that emerged in the first three months of 2002 that has since slowed thanks to the arrest of a Somerville man. During the first three months of 2002, multiple breaks were reported on Rindge Avenue and Montgomery, Clay, and Cedar Streets. The majority of incidents involved daytime breaks into multi-unit apartment buildings. Many of the apartments that were broken into were ransacked and items such as cash, jewelry, and in one case, expensive oriental rugs were taken. • Of the four **street robberies** reported in this neighborhood, the most serious involved a home invasion on Rindge Avenue. Two suspects forced their way into the victim's home after he answered the door and demanded money. The victim was held at gunpoint and was repeatedly kicked. The suspects got away with \$1000. • **Auto theft and larcenies from motor vehicles** increased, no major patterns were reported, but activity was concentrated on Rindge Avenue. • Three of the **drug** arrests were the result of other arrests and two were the result of investigations under taken by the Special Investigations Unit.

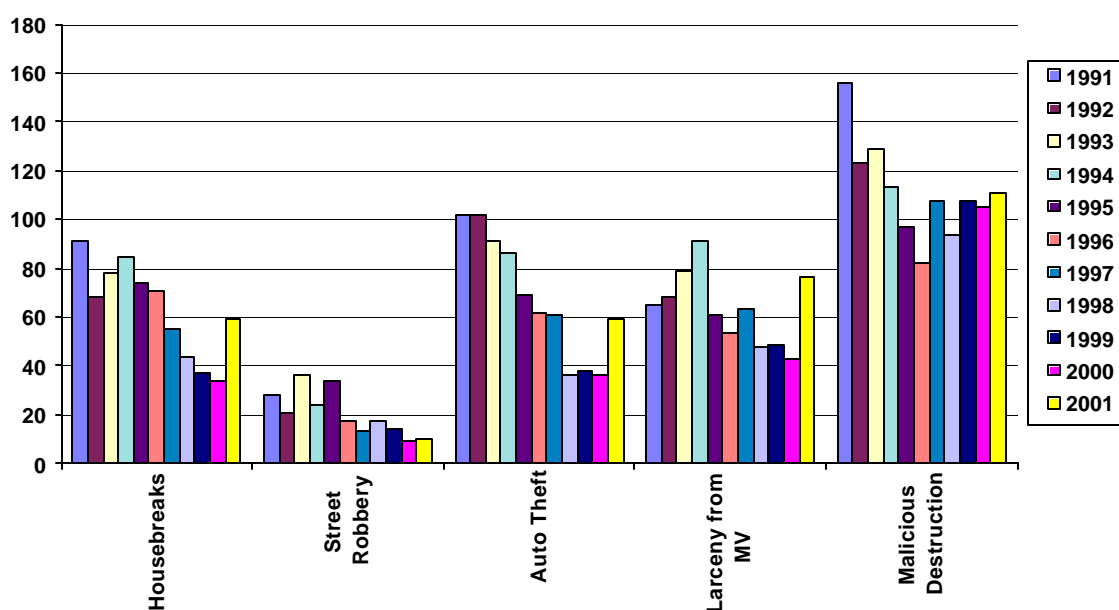
### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	2nd Q 2001	2nd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	12	32	+167%
Street Robbery	3	4	+33%
Auto Theft	14	20	+43%
Larceny from MVs	27	34	+26%
Malicious Destruction	68	58	-15%
Drug Arrests	8	5	-38%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	4
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	9
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	3
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	4
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	2

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest